

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
April 7, 2021**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on April 7th, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Strong in the Council Chamber of the Wilmington City Hall.

Roll Call

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk the following members of the corporate authorities answered “Here” or “Present”:

Aldermen Present Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Butler, Dietz, Studer, Holmes

Aldermen Absent Combes

Quorum

There being a sufficient number of members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

Other Officials in Attendance

Also, in attendance were the City Administrator Joie Ziller, Chief of Police Phillip Arnold, Finance director Matt Hoffman, Executive Secretary Tessa Krusinski, and City Attorney Bryan Wellner

Approval of the March 16th, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to approve the March 16th, 2021 meeting minutes as written and have them placed on file.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Butler, Dietz, Studer, Holmes

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Call Public Hearing to Order – Proposed 2021 Plan Amendment

Mayor Strong read the following statement:

Alderman Persic made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7:01 PM for Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2021 Redevelopment Plan and Project Amendment for the Ridgeport Logistics Center Intermodal Facility Terminal Area (TIF District No.2)

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Butler, Dietz, Studer, Holmes

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

1. Ben Schuster representing Elion Partners and Mike Stellino from ADAR Ridgeport presented an overview of the proposed 2021 Plan Amendment, Eligibility Study and the Redevelopment Plan and Project in relation thereto and description of minor amendments thereto by Mike Weber from PGAV Planners LLC

2. City Administrator Ziller introduced the Joint Review Board Meeting and Final recommendation for approval.

3. Public Comment

- Bill McCluckey asked if train traffic would increase in the area. He also asked if a geological study had been conducted on the area. Ben Schuster informed the resident that Ridgeport has followed all regulations and laws to build in the area. He also emphasized that there would be train traffic there regardless due to the layout of the tracks in the area.

- Don Vilt asked about train traffic noise and concern about emergency vehicles getting through. Ben Schuster responded that the BNSF had the trains, not Ridgeport. Ridgeport has gone through the correct approval process for the amendment and redevelopment plan.

Close Public Hearing

Alderman Persic made a motion and Alderman Vice seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:14 PM.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Butler, Dietz, Studer, Holmes

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Call Public Hearing to Order – Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Persic seconded to open to Public Hearing at 7:15 PM for Public Hearing Regarding Overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Butler, Dietz, Studer, Holmes

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

1. Finance Director Hoffman presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

2. Public Comment- no comments were made.

3. City Council discussed the proposed budget.

Close Public Hearing

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Kirwin seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 P.M

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Butler, Dietz, Studer, Holmes

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Strong announced the I LOVE MY CITY Photo Contest Winners. Alderman Persic reported that the Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt brought in about 200-300 kids, the most kids ever.

Public Comment

Isaac Orr made a comment about the election results and congratulated Ben Dietz on being Mayor-Elect.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

Police & ESDA Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance & License Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Buildings, Grounds, Parks, Health & Safety Committee

Alderman Persic made a motion and Alderman Dietz seconded to approve Ordinance 21-04-07-01 – An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Wilmington to Execute an Agreement between the City of Wilmington and Homewood Disposal Service, Inc. for a Term to expire on April 30, 2026

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Butler, Dietz, Studer, Holmes

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Water, Sewer, Streets and Alleys Committee

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance, Administration & Land Acquisition Committee

Alderman Dietz made a motion and Alderman Butler seconded to approve the accounting reports as prepared by the Finance Director in the amount of \$385,774.84

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Butler, Dietz, Studer, Holmes

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

Alderman Studer made a motion and Alderman Dietz seconded to approve Ordinance 21-04-07-02 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to Annexation and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Wilmington and the State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Formerly Known as the Department of Conservative or IDOC

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 7 Persic, Kirwin, Vice, Butler, Dietz, Studer, Holmes

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Combes

The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Personnel & Collective Bargaining Committee

Nothing at this time.

Attorney & Staff Reports

City Attorney Wellner informed the Council about the Federal Government American Rescue plan to send aid to local municipalities and businesses.

City Administrator Ziller announced the incentive to upgrade the City street lights with COMED, no cost to the City.

Police Chief Arnold announced that the COVID numbers are down to 13 cases.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Butler and seconded by Alderman Vice. Upon the voice vote, the motion carried. The Regular Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on April 7, 2021 adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tessa Krusinski, Executive Secretary